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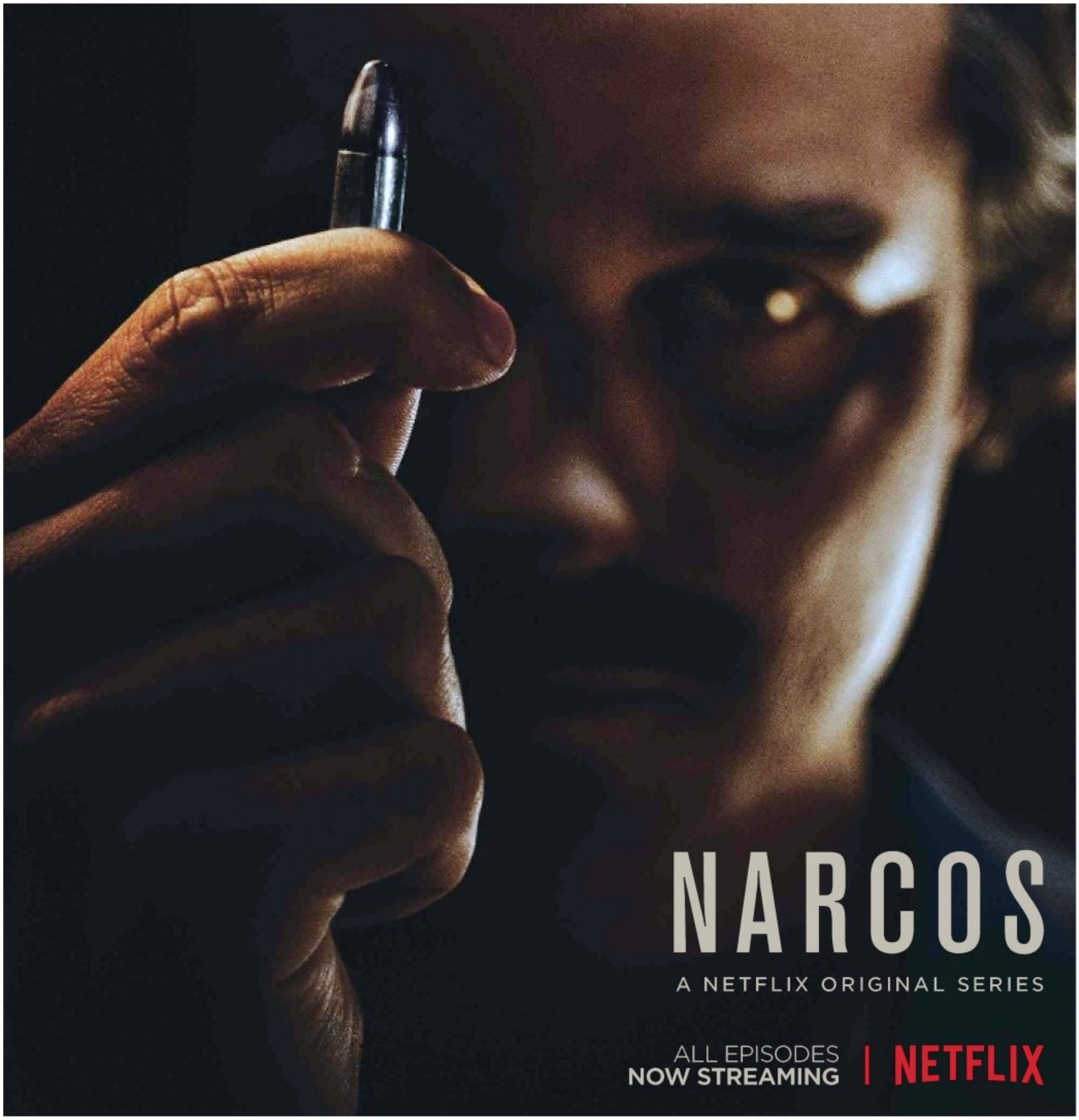

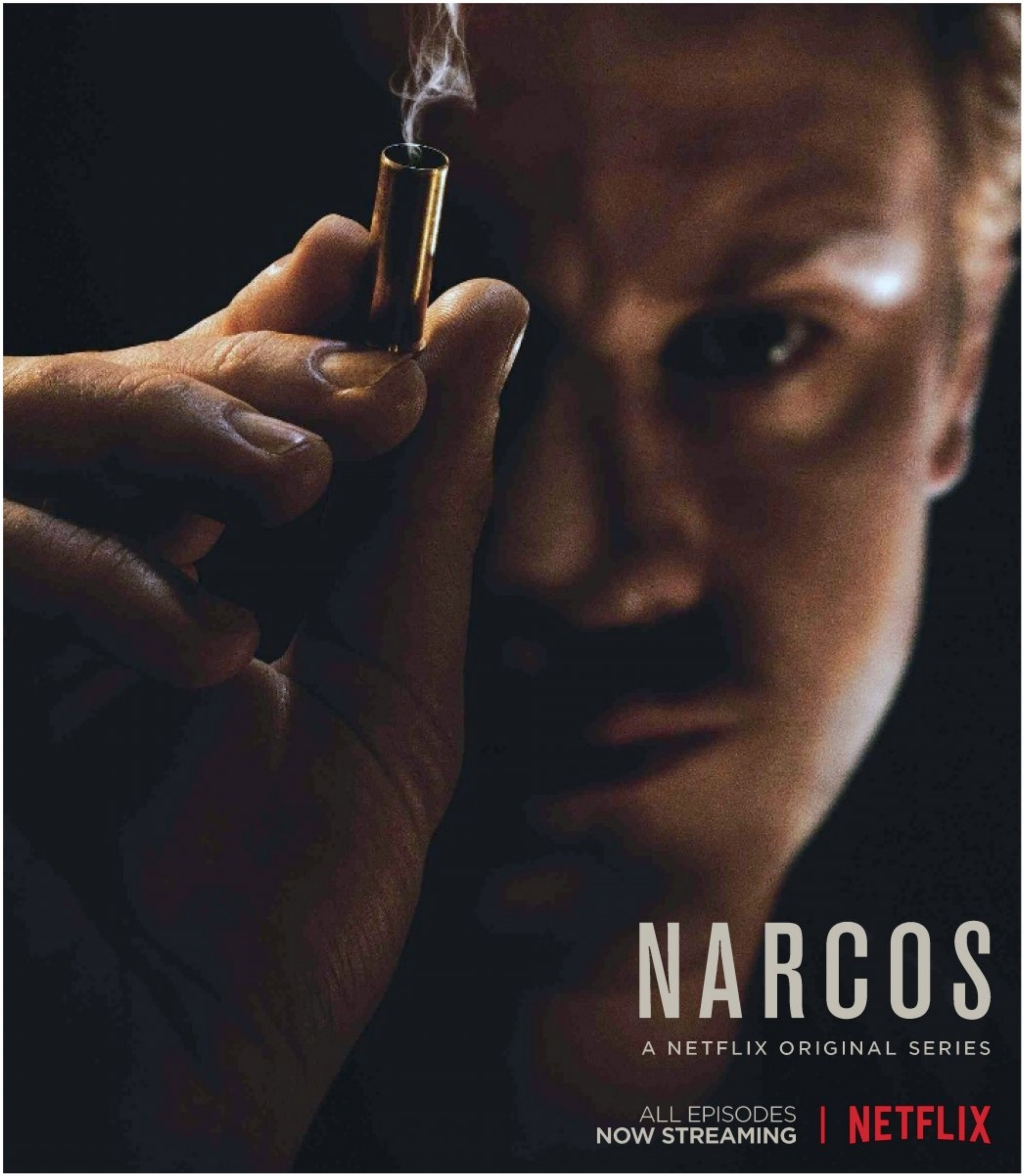
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LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

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They're here.

Toronto's university and college students are descending on the city — packing their lives into parents' cars and U-Haul trucks to start a new school year.

And, as they arrive by the thousands this weekend, you can expect thick crowds everywhere from the Eaton Centre to the TTC and lines for everything from Zipcars to, well, the most sacred of Canadian things.

"Tim Hortons line-ups are going to just triple around our area," said Akeisha Lari, co-ordinator of student life programs at Ryerson University.

Don't worry though. It's really all for the best.

No. Seriously.

There are many economic benefits to Toronto's roughly 200,000 university students, said Shauna Brail, director of urban studies at the University of Toronto.

"At a minimum they need a place to sleep, a way to get around and food to eat," she said.

"So housing, transportation and food services are likely the greatest areas of impact."

Plus, they're "great citizens," said Lari, outlining a Ryerson program that matches students with downtown agencies for volunteer work.

"There's such a good energy that comes with students," she said. "They add value to the everyday things that happen in the community."

Police issue warning for 5 ill-advised Frosh pranks, see page 6

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METRO SUMMER FIELD TRIP

Last blast of summer

Summer's technically almost over, but the season seems captured safely forever within the 500 hectares of Tommy Thompson Park's marshes, meadows, cobble beaches and sand dunes. The man-made peninsula stretches five kilometres south beyond the base of Leslie Street into Lake Ontario, providing unparalleled vantage points for gazing out at the city. While the Spit is popular for cyclists, people who opt for a stroll are more likely to see the urban wilderness come alive with curious creatures unfamiliar with the roar of the downtown crowd just a few miles away. The site is also a disposal site for dredged material from the outer harbour, so look forward to finding a few strange objects scattered along the landscape. **LIZ BEDDALL** METRO

TRANSIT

Presto users get Bike Share discount

Bike Share Toronto is offering Presto card owners a hefty discount on new memberships in a bid to boost subscriptions and strengthen the link between public transit and cycle share use.

Under the terms of the deal, which Bike Share launched Thursday, transit riders who use a Presto fare card will pay half price if they sign up for a new one-year membership, which normally costs $90 plus tax.

Card users will be eligible for a 40 per cent discount in the second year of membership, a 30 per cent discount in the third year, and so on, until the fifth year, when they would get a 10 per cent markdown.

Presto fare cards are accepted by 10 transit agencies in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, including GO Transit and portions of the TTC, which plans to make its entire system Presto-ready by the end of the year.

"We view a lot of synergy between both TTC and GO, and Bike Share," said Marie Casista, vice president for real estate, development and marketing for the Toronto Parking Authority, which oversees Bike Share.

"(Bike Share is) becoming more accepted, and a more important part of the transportation framework for the inner city."

The program currently has 4,778 yearly members, up from 3,885 last July. It also sells passes for shorter-term use. The deal does not mean that people will be able to pay for Bike Share by tapping their fare card, as they do on public transit systems, or at least not yet. Casista said Bike Share's goal is to eventually allow customers to pay for the service using Presto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The discount offer is the latest co-operation between Bike Share and Metrolinx. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Woman stuck in Moscow, family says

Gyulzar Julia Yakobi, right, with grandson, Elio, and her daughters, from left, Nargis Hannah and Khadidzha Ada. CONTRIBUTED

IMMIGRATION

Embassy got math wrong in denying entry, daughter says

Gilbert Ngabo
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The family of a Toronto woman stuck in Moscow says the Canadian embassy has made a math error that's ruining their life.

Gyulzar Julia Yakobi, a teacher at the Canadian College of Educators, has been denied the right to return to Canada and stripped off her permanent resident status.

"She's been building her life here for over 12 years, and now it's all up in the air," said her daughter Nargis Hannah.

Yakobi and her two daughters moved to Toronto in 2003 as she fled an abusive relationship in the United Arab Emirates. She has travelled to Russia several times, but had been in Canada since September 2013, her family says.

That was until July when Yakobi went to Moscow to seek medical treatment. But her permanent resident card had expired, and she hadn't renewed it before travelling.

Yakobi applied for a one-time entry travel document to return home, but two weeks ago received a letter informing her she was no longer eligible for permanent residency.

The embassy alleged she had stayed in Canada for only 65 days out of the last five years.

"We have no idea where the embassy got that number from," said Hannah. They have since submitted papers to prove she was in Toronto for more than 1,200 days in the last five years.

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Academic subject of bullying probe

Ryerson University called in an external investigator last year to probe allegations of workplace bullying by Wendy Cukier, one of the school's most prominent academic leaders, Torstar News Service has learned.

Cukier was slated to become the first female president of Brock University in St. Catharines, but the appointment was unexpectedly cancelled in a "mutual decision" announced Monday, three days before she was scheduled to take the job.

John Suk, chair of Brock University's board of trustees, said in an emailed statement Thursday that Cukier was initially chosen after a "vigorous reference check process" and that the school was not aware of the investigation into alleged bullying at Ryerson.

Cukier, meanwhile, has not responded to requests for comment this week.

According to a series of internal emails, as well as interviews with former staffers, the long-time Ryerson executive was accused of fostering a "toxic" work environment where some employees felt demeaned, overworked and disrespected.

Wendy Cukier.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The allegations originally came from an anonymous email account that claimed to represent the views of about 15 staffers in Cukier's office, when she was Ryerson's vice-president, research and innovation. The accusers also claimed they were frequently "coerced into" working overtime without pay, and spoken to disrespectfully by Cukier, which in some cases caused people to weep in the office.

One email to the human resources department claimed the worker had to miss a dead family member's visitation because Cukier made the employee work.

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NEWEST BABY CAMEL BORN AT ZOO The stork paid a visit to the Toronto Zoo last week, delivering another bundle of cute-and-cuddly. This time, it's a baby Bactrian camel. Zoo staff are bottle-feeding the male calf with his mother's milk.

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LITERATURE

Poetry scene puts on sixth Annual Haiku Deathmatch

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What sort of poem
Ought to be very concise
And also funny?

It's a haiku: a bite-sized (or tweet-sized), 17-syllable form of poetry that originated in Japan but is now enjoying a revival in Toronto's growing live poetry scene — and young bards are driving the boom.

The hottest haiku ticket of the year is the Annual Haiku Deathmatch, put on for the past six years by the Toronto Poetry Slam.

Traditionally, a haiku is about nature and contains some kind of twist, but that's not required. Poems must have three lines of five, seven, and five syllables, and they can be about anything.

To enter, poets (called "haikusters") need 30 haikus at the ready — just in case they win all their rounds — and must show up at Supermarket on Augusta Ave. by 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 6.

Cynthia Gould, who hosts, picks three judges randomly from the audience (they can't be friends or family of competitors), and runs the scoring system.

It's not called a "deathmatch" for no reason, she explained: In the second and third rounds, losers execute themselves onstage in dramatic improvised death scenes.

Gould is thrilled at the growth of enthusiasm for haiku she's seen in the past five years.

"People really bring it. It's such a short, accessible version of poetry ... it can be very, very serious, it can be delicate and beautiful or it can be raunchy as blazes," she said.

It bodes well, she said, for the popularity of poetry as a whole: "I don't think poetry ever (really) left. It just continues to take different forms and directions. The whole slam format has brought people back."

Toronto Poetry Slam founder and 2013 Haiku Deathmatch champion David Silverberg said young people "are clamouring to poetry more than every before."

He credits the resurgence in part to poets switching from trying to sell books to reaching out directly to audiences online.

"It's not like when I was in high school, when poetry was fed to me by teachers who promoted dead white people," he said. "This is poetry by the people and for the people, rather than by academics and for academics."

> **People really bring it. It's such a short, accessible version of poetry.** Cynthia Gould

YORK REGION

Police issue Frosh Week warnings

You may already have your Frosh Week event tickets, but York Regional Police are dispensing a tongue-in-cheek warning that any illegal antics are going to cost you extra.

The police force issued its annual Frosh Week expense list Thursday morning — a comical and cautionary reminder that many pranks can land you in jail.

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TOP 5
Ill-advised Frosh pranks

1. Hunting for a Blastoise on the GO train tracks. Penalty: $425

2. Stalking Kevin Pillar for a selfie. Penalty: 10 years jail, $5,000; Rogers Centre ban

3. Egg war in the hall of excellence. Penalty: 2 years jail time, $5,000

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A NEW VIEW ON THE EX-TRAORDINARY

Thrill rides, mesmerizing lights, mouth-watering food and an interesting mix of people. For Toronto photographer Sarah Palmer, the CNE is one big giant playground with a story best told when all the "chaos" is blended together. Palmer specializes in shooting multi-frame exposures, so, capturing the Ex from a different perspective seemed natural. ALL PHOTOS BY SARAH PALMER

"My childhood memories of fairs and family outings like this are often all mixed up, making it hard to focus on a specific moment, but, rather, of the day in it's entirety, with every memory on top of the other. I wanted to capture those kinds of memories in this photo; from the guy eating a giant turkey leg, to the psychic, to the quiet moment of the guy on the slow and steady sky ride, then to the whirls of the fast rides that whip you around."

"Everywhere you turn, there are more lights flashing at you, more people selling food and merchandise — and then there's bingo. For me, the oddness of bingo being there is that the fair is usually a collaborative event where everyone is out and about while the bingo players are alone and very much in their own world. I liked seeing that difference of environments all at the same event."

"The food building at the CNE is huge and the choices are countless. This was my first time at the CNE, so I just kept walking around and staring at everyone's baskets of food I had never seen before. I wasn't even eating it and it started to make me feel a bit sick, so I knew I had to put the food shot in with other photos that juxtapose one another in a humorous way."

"I was looking everywhere for a graphic shirt to photograph, and I found this man standing in line to buy tickets wearing the perfect shirt that gives context to where the photo was taken. The woman in the middle is holding one of the must-try food items at the EX this year: a blueberry pie milkshake with a literal piece of pie in it. The girl on the right was playing a bell-ringing game a few seconds prior, got her prize with a straight face, then she got a call and walked out of the playing area like she was all business."

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DIPLOMACY

PM talks human rights in China

Justin Trudeau set his sights squarely on China's human rights record Thursday, painting Canada as a straight-talking champion of personal freedoms as he lectured an elite business crowd on the value of good governance and free expression.

The prime minister's direct remarks came during weeklong official visit to China aimed at forging deeper commercial and cultural bonds between the two countries.

Building closer economic ties will make it easier for China and Canada to speak frankly about governance, human rights and the rule of law, Trudeau told several hundred people at an event hosted by the Canada China Business Council.

"I remind everyone that as a country that has seen first hand the benefits of free expression and good governance — Canada encourages China to do more to promote and protect human rights," he said in his 22-minute speech.

"In the global village, we all have stake in what happens here.

"The success of the world is inexorably linked to China's success, and I know that these are not easy conversations to have, but they are necessary ones."

Trudeau also said that freedom of expression is a "true Canadian value" protected by the country's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

He noted that he told both President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang in meetings this week in Beijing that accepting a diversity of perspectives will strengthen China, just like it has in Canada.

Trudeau even went so far as to broach the subject of gender equality.

"See, we're Canadians — we travel with our values and we don't hesitate to share them whenever and wherever we see opportunities," he said before glancing purposefully at the table in front of the stage.

"And actually, there's an opportunity here tonight — gentlemen, it's 2016. We need more women at this head table."

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The boy who swayed

SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

Alan's death had profound impact on many Canadians' lives

A year ago, Tima Kurdi was just a suburban mother, a hardworking immigrant in British Columbia who had knocked on many doors in a helpless effort to bring over her siblings and their families from war-torn Syria.

On Sept. 2, 2015, the Port Coquitlam woman's life was forever changed because of the drowning deaths of her nephews, Alan, 3, and Ghalib, 5, and their mother in the Aegean Sea while fleeing to Greece. The tragedy thrust her into a new role: appealing to the Canadian conscience over the longstanding refugee crisis.

Kurdi was thrust into the spotlight, becoming a spokeswoman for millions of Syrian refugees to people in Canada and around the world shaken by the image of tiny Alan lying facedown and lifeless on a Turkish beach.

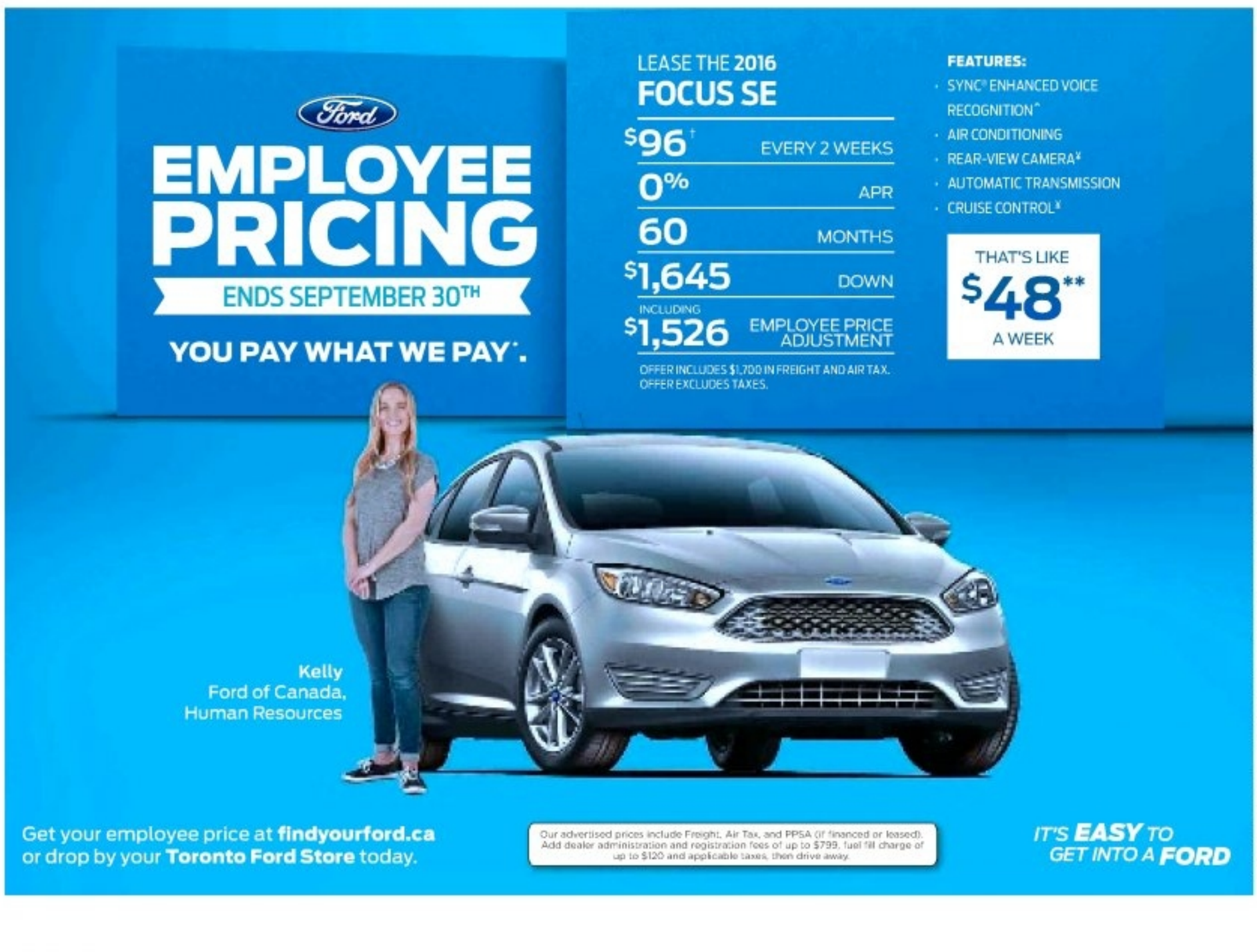
The plea she and other Syrian Canadians had been making for years to politicians was finally heard. Just weeks later, the new Liberal government swiftly opened Canada's door to thousands of Syrian refugees.

"I would never have imagined that after that image of Alan, something would happen for the better," reflected Kurdi, who came to Canada in 1992 and lives in Port Coquitlam with husband, Rocco Logozzo, and their 23-year-old son, also named Alan.

"It was very hard and emotional for me with the reality we live it, that it took a tragedy until somebody would take action. It's the power from God to wake up the world to help the suffering people," added Kurdi, who until then had been unsuccessful in bringing her two brothers — Abdullah, Alan's father, and Mohammad, to Canada.

But Kurdi and her family weren't the only people whose lives were changed by little Alan's death: Syrian refugee families have been given the opportunity that Alan didn't have to build a new life in Canada. Members of Muslim and Arab communities who have felt disenfranchised in Canada have a renewed sense of belonging. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Alan, left, and his brother Ghalib Kurdi. Alan, 3, Ghalib, 5, and their Sea while fleeing to Greece on Sept. 2, 2015. CONTRIBUTED



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ALAN KURDI'S LEGACY

Gynecologist Vanig Garabedian and his wife, also a doctor, left Aleppo for Lebanon in 2014, after their clinic was bombed, and it was no longer safe for them and their two girls to stay.

The family was among those who got off the first flight arriving at Pearson airport, personally received by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Since then, he has made presentations at health conferences in Ottawa and Vancouver on refugee and women's health issues and is studying for a medical exam as the first step to returning to his profession.

"It was the nicest surprise that we came to this country and we were welcomed by the head of state.... It gives our dignity and respect back."

When **Asim Bhatti, Sarfaraz Haq and Nazim Tejani** — acquaintances who first met at a Muslim prayer drop-in in Richmond Hill — decided to form a refugee sponsorship group last September, the trio was only planning to bring in a family of six from Homs.

Soon they realized the family also had two "linked" families — the couple's two adult sons, their wives and children — who were stuck in Lebanon and needed to be resettled together.

In the end, the group sponsored 17 people, including a newborn girl the family named "Canada."

"Seeing Alan Kurdi's photo was a major catalyst to get us going. I have a grandson who just turned 4 and I couldn't imagine if that was my grandson," said Haq, 55, who came here from India three decades ago with just $25 in his pocket.

Nasim Misrabi was volunteering for a group in Turkey monitoring the GPS signals of refugee boats in the open sea trying to cross to Greece when news of Alan Kurdi's death emerged.

"After that, people started posting photos of dead refugees on social media, because they saw the international media's response to Alan. Everyone wanted to explain what they're suffering," said Misrabi, 25, of Damascus, who arrived in Toronto in February, sponsored by the Canadian government.

"In Turkey, we woke up every day and wondered how to find food. You just lived to survive. We lost all our hopes, so the sudden media attention was new."

Maher Azem, who came to Canada from Syria in 2005 to pursue a post-graduate degree at Ryerson University, said the Arab and Muslim community has become more engaged and mobilized, seeing the hope of change from the Liberal government's commitment to the refugee crisis. The Toronto man and others founded the Syrian Canadian Foundation to help private sponsorship groups and settlement agencies serve the arriving refugees.

"The community has moved from advocating for refugees to aiding them," said Azem. The surge of interest in anything Syria also propelled Azem and friends to launch the first Syria Film Festival (SYFF) in November, to introduce Canadians to their new neighbours.

Shadi Al Qablawi lived in constant fear in the three and a half years his family stayed in refuge in Jordan, worrying he would get caught working illegally in a gas station and sent back to Syria without his family knowing.

Sitting in an apartment in Mississauga, Ont. he shares with his wife and three children, along with his mother and youngest sister, the 36-year-old man treasures the peace of mind he now enjoys.

Since he and his family arrived in Canada in February under the government-assisted resettlement program.

"When we first saw Alan Kurdi's photo, we had zero expectations from the world," said Al Qablawi. "It's so sad about that little boy, but his death has saved so many lives. We really owe him."

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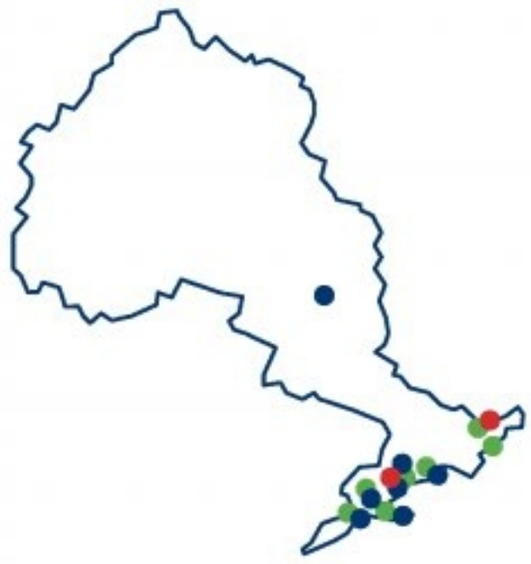

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The Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton, appeared to catch the attention of a group of construction workers on Thursday as she toured Cornwall with her husband.

In photos of the interaction, she appears to laugh at what's being said, while Prince William looks less than impressed. Before jumping to conclusions, the exchange seems to be a lot more innocent than the photos make it look.

And no, William isn't reopening the Tower of London. It appears that Sam Wayne, the construction worker in the foreground, just wanted a selfie with the royal couple.

In a Facebook post, Wayne said it was his second royal selfie.

British tabloids are having a field day with the apparent catcalls, calling the construction workers "cheeky" and praising the royal couple for taking it all in jest.

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Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, share a joke with construction workers on Thursday in Newquay, U.K. CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

Hispanic leaders 'confused'

U.S. ELECTION

Trump speech saddens many who advised the nominee

"Crushed." "Disappointed." "Confused."

Some Hispanic leaders who have been advising Donald Trump say they feel betrayed after his long-awaited immigration speech that definitively ruled out a pathway to legal status for people living in the country illegally.

Trump stopped short of calling for the mass deportation of millions of people who have not committed crimes beyond their immigration offences. But he also ruled out what he dismissed as "amnesty," saying those who want to live legally in the U.S. will need to leave and head to the back of the line.

"There's several of us who have gone out on a limb, if you will, to try to at least be at the table of reason with him, and that's left us confused and disappointed," said Tony Suarez, the executive vice-president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference. He's been among those pushing Trump to moderate his stance.

As recently as Monday, he said, the GOP presidential nominee had signalled on a conference call with faith leaders that they could expect to see a gentler, more compassionate Trump in the speech. Trump, Suarez said, was asked explicitly whether they would see a softening or any "hope" for at least some of the people currently living in the shadows.

"He said, 'Yes,' and he thought we would be very pleased on Wednesday," said Suarez. "The impression given on the call was not what we heard last night."

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TRAVEL TRAUMA

Airline mixes up two boys

A woman in New York feared her son was kidnapped when an airline mistook her five-year-old for another and flew him to the wrong city.

Maribel Martinez tells New York's Daily News she was shocked when JetBlue staffers presented her with another little boy on Aug. 17 at Kennedy Airport.

"No, this is not my child," she recalled telling JetBlue employees. "I was freaking out."

Both unaccompanied five-year-old boys boarded in the Dominican Republic. Martinez said her son had a wristband with his name. But the other child was carrying Andy's passport. The boy mistakenly flown to New York was returned to Boston. JetBlue is reviewing how the mix-up occurred.

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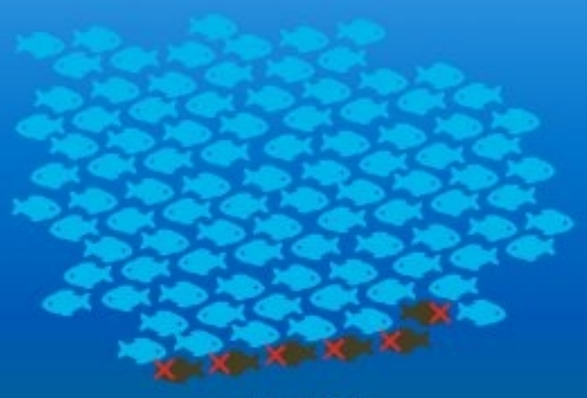
HOW TO KEEP PLENTY OF FISH IN THE SEA

Climate change is warming up the oceans, and many fish can't handle the heat. They're fleeing from tropical waters for cooler climes to the north and south. It's affecting fish harvests, especially in poor countries where they're needed most. UBC environmental science professor William Cheung has proposed a bold thought experiment: **What if we just ... closed the ocean? Could we save the seas?**

Using some fancy math, Cheung and colleagues predicted the abundance of **30 far-roaming fish species by 2050**, assuming global temperatures will have increased by about 1.8 C over the 1985-2005 average by 2100. They looked at three ways we could manage the **high seas** — the international waters that take up 2/3 of the oceans. They measured how those scenarios would affect the remaining 1/3 of the oceans: the **exclusive economic zones (EEZs)** particular countries have the right to use. They assume no more than the maximum number of fish that can be harvested without depletion — called the **maximum sustainable yield** — is taken from the EEZs themselves.

SCENARIO 1

Business as usual: We're harvesting twice the maximum sustainable yield from the high seas.



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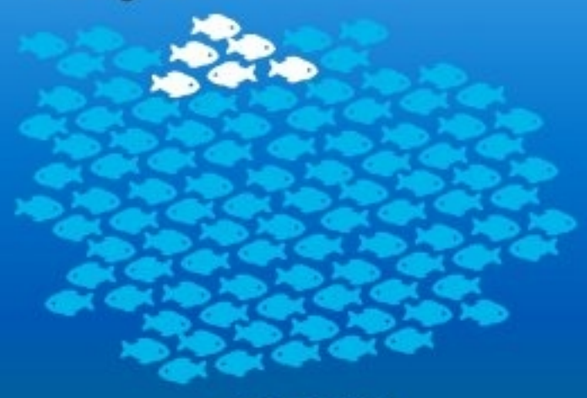

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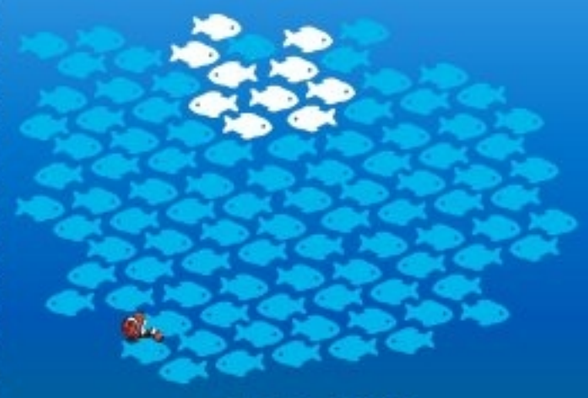
Lock the (ocean) door and throw away the key! The high seas are closed to fishing entirely.



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CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Can anybody predict an earthquake?

Scientists were once charged for failing to predict an earthquake. Can anybody predict that? — Dean, Toronto

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, no scientist has "ever predicted a major earthquake. They do not expect to know how in the foreseeable future." But "probabilities can be calculated for potential future earthquakes."

Despite this, after Italy's deadly 2009 quake, six scientists and one government official were convicted of involuntary manslaughter for failing to communicate the risks. It's not clear yet whether there will be a repeat of this blame game in light of the Aug. 24, 2016 quake.

The scientists were later cleared. They'd simply said the chance of a major quake had neither increased nor decreased after a recent cluster (called a "swarm") of tremors.

Here's the thing: In most cases (99 per cent, according to one seismologist), a swarm is not a warning knell for a major quake. However, big quakes are often preceded by smaller "foreshocks" — though it may not be clear what's a foreshock and what's the real thing until after the fact.

Chile, possibly the most earthquake-ready nation, has a network of sensors that detect tremors as they happen, so people can be evacuated if it's determined there's a risk of tsunami.

Early warning systems in the works — ones that can, for example, trigger trains to stop and power and gas lines to be disabled to minimize damage — are expected to provide a couple of minutes of notice, at the very most. It's not like a weather forecast, and it probably never will be.

Here's the heart of it: Earthquakes, the release of pent-up potential energy inherent in the position of tectonic plates, are chaotic by nature. This brings to mind a favourite quotation of mine, from Irish comedian Dara Ó Briain: "Science knows it doesn't know everything; otherwise, it'd stop."

Science Question? Tweet @genna_buck

FINDINGS
Your week in science

STUMP FLUFFY
A new study suggests you should be making your lazy indoor cat work for her supper. Food puzzles, which make cats 'hunt' more like their wild ancestors, seem to increase activity and reduce boredom, lowering risks of obesity and diabetes.

IN FOR A HARD NIGHT (OR MORNING)
When you're most alert and operating at your best — whether you're a night owl or an early bird — is the time you're most likely to "self-sabotage" (a.k.a. waste time when you know you should be doing something else), an Indiana University study says.

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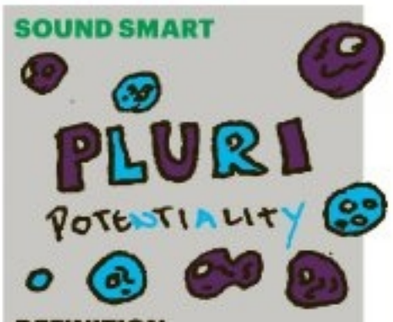

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Crossing over

How M.L. Stedman's debut novel The Light Between Oceans made it to the big screen

Few debut novels have made as big a splash as M.L. Stedman's The Light Between Oceans. Set on a lonely island off the west coast of Australia, the 2012 book tells the tale of lighthouse keepers who find a lost baby and what happens when good people make bad decisions. It's a love story, mystery and tragedy rolled into a sweeping historical novel.

But the story of how the New York Times bestseller came into existence and how it made the transition from the page to the screen has almost as many twists as the book itself.

Originally from Western Australia, Stedman moved to London, England, to work as a lawyer. In 1997, she took up creative writing and had some success with her short stories. Then came The Light Between Oceans. The novel is about moral choices, though it is careful not to judge the actions of its characters. Tom Sherbourne is a First World War vet who seeks sanctuary as the keeper of a white stone lighthouse. On the mainland, he meets the spirited Isabel Graysmark, who searches for a modern idea of freedom with Tom on the island.

In an interview with The Christian Science Monitor, Stedman said the story and its characters emerged from her imagination: "I closed my eyes and could see a lighthouse and a woman... a man appeared, and I sensed he was the light keeper, and it was his story. Then a boat washed up, carrying the body of a dead man. I kept looking and saw there was a baby in it too, so I had to keep writing to see who all these people were and what happened next."

What happened next was that the novel was a hit. It has been published in over 30 languages and praised for its deeply realized protagonists and its exploration of darkness and light. Stedman herself adds a layer of mystery, granting few interviews and offering little personal information.

In 2012, DreamWorks won the rights to the story, and Derek Cianfrance, director of Blue Valentine and The Place Beyond the Pines, was chosen to recreate Stedman's fictional world of Janus Rock. To capture the novel's conflicted characters, Cianfrance cast Michael Fassbender and Alicia Vikander in the roles of Tom and Isabel, and Rachel Weisz as a mysterious mainlander from the past.

Because the geography is so important to the story, the movie was filmed on location on the rugged west coast of Australia. "I wanted to be incredibly faithful to the book," says Cianfrance.

He says Stedman herself paid him the ultimate compliment when she told him that, in his making of the film, she felt understood. "She said, 'Isn't that the point of life, that we, as human beings, are trying to be understood by each other?'"

The Light Between Oceans is now playing in theatres across Canada.

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MOVIES MUSIC TELEVISION DIGITAL

Fall into film

After a bruising three months, it's about to get better at the multiplex. Here are six movies, performances and story lines moviegoers can look forward to this autumn. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 Potter world roars back to life — This fall, J.K. Rowling's $7.8-billion film franchise is back. It's a two-pronged attack. While Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (pictured) is reaching back into the past of Rowling's Potter world, the two-part West End play Harry Potter and the Cursed Child (only co-written by Rowling) is going into the future. It moves the tale 19 years ahead of where the books left off.

2 Ang Lee, innovator — Ang Lee is continually pushing cinema to new technological heights, and his adaptation of Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk (Nov. 11) is no less ambitious. The first screening will be in 4K, 3D and 120 frames per second — essentially, hyper reality.

3 Lonergan-Mania — Little is settled about this fall's coming awards season except for this: Kenneth Lonergan's Manchester by the Sea (Nov. 18) is one of the best films of the year. Already celebrated at its Sundance premiere, Casey Affleck excels as a small-town New Englander haunted by tragedy.

4 A more diverse Oscars — After two straight years of "OscarsSoWhite" blanketing a dishearteningly homogenous Academy Awards, a richly diverse array of possible nominees is lining up for this season. A revamped Academy of Motion Pictures may be hard pressed to ignore the likes of Hidden Figures (Dec. 25).

5 A legitimately good Shia Labeouf — Performance-art theatrics have overshadowed the transformation Shia LaBeouf has undergone. He's made it easy to not take him seriously in recent years, and maybe that's been the point. But in Andrea Arnold's Midwest teenage odyssey, American Honey (Sept. 30), LaBeouf and breakout star Sasha Lane (pictured) are exceptional.

6 Emma Stone gets a proper showcase — How do you come off of a dud like Aloha? By singing, dancing and romancing your way back into America's hearts in what could be a career-defining performance in Damien Chazelle's musical story La La Land (Dec. 16) of course.

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In the psychological thriller The 9th Life of Louis Drax, Aaron Paul plays the father of a boy in a coma.
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Off-kilter role falls in Paul's wheelhouse

SNEAK PREVIEW

Film started by Oscar-winning director before he died in 2008

Aaron Paul isn't a dad, yet, but he loves playing one — however flawed that dad might be.

"I love working with kids. I have lots of nieces and nephews. I can't wait to have children of my own," he said during a recent round of interviews for The 9th Life of Louis Drax.

Paul plays two parts — sort of — in Louis Drax, and one came with a monster suit.

"It was a huge process, a four-hour process," he said of his transformation from ex-boxer, violent dad-with-a-drinking problem Peter Drax, to a dark, cave-dwelling thing.

"It was a big suit that I put on. A latex head. I kind of suppressed the memory. It was a nightmare of an experience. But I actually really enjoyed it."

The psychological thriller stars Jamie Dornan as a coma specialist tasked with taking care of a nine-year-old, seemingly accident-prone boy named Louis whom Dornan's Dr. Allan Pascal mind melds with. There's also some romance, on Dornan's part, with Louis' mom.

The story is right in Paul's off-kilter wheelhouse, a la his award-winning role as Jesse Pinkman in Breaking Bad. It's a more challenging stretch for Dornan, of Fifty Shades fame, despite being the son of a doctor who once had acting aspirations of his own.

"My dad is a doctor. My mother was a nurse. My stepmother is a doctor. My uncle's a doctor. It's funny, my dad tried to give me advice for pretty much every character I've played, except on this occasion when I was playing a medical professional," Dornan laughed.

Dornan, who has two young daughters, enjoyed working with a child actor as much as Paul. Louis is played by Aiden Longworth,who was 10 during filming and is now nearly 12.

Yes, Louis is in a coma, though he has more to do than just lie still.

"Aiden, he's brilliant," Dornan said. "You know the famous thing, never work with kids and animals? One of the early scenes I did was with a hamster and a child, so there's two in one. He talks non-stop, so actually the coma aspect, for him, was very, very difficult."

The script was a labour of love for Max Minghella, whose famous father, Oscar-winning director and screenwriter Anthony Minghella, had been developing it before he died in 2008. Minghella said French director Alexander Aja, known for slasher horror and fantasy, was true to the page, though the two didn't always get along.

"We butted heads a lot. I ... but it was absolutely coming from a place of love and excitement," Minghella said.

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DETAILS

The 9th Life of Louis Drax

- Based on Liz Jensen's bestseller of the same name.
- Stars Aaron Paul, Jamie Dornan, Aiden Longworth
- In theatres Sept. 2

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This weekend Alicia Vikander stars opposite Michael Fassbender in The Light Between Oceans. CONTRIBUTED

Why the world loves Alicia Vikander

IN FOCUS

Actress has quickly become the 'it' girl of film

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

In The Light Between Oceans, Michael Fassbender plays a stoic World War I veteran who falls truly, madly and deeply in love with Isabel (Alicia Vikander).

It's not an uncommon tale these days. It seems all of Hollywood adores the 27-year-old Swedish actress.

The New York times praises "the gamin bone structure, that sullen pout, those velvety fawn eyes," and producer Lionel Wigram declared, "She's a star. You can't take your eyes off her on screen or in person."

Her talent and versatility have made her so in demand it's hard to believe that in her late teens drama school twice rejected her. According to her those dismissals were a blessing in disguise as they allowed her earlier access to "an industry that prizes youth in women."

This weekend she takes on the romance of The Light Between Oceans as a precocious woman who asks a man she has just met to marry her. Based on an acclaimed and bestselling book by M.L. Stedman, it's a story about choices, honour and true love that plays like a highbrow Nicolas Sparks story in period clothes. It also showcases Vikander's range. In the last two years she has played everything from the personification of artificial intelligence to the estranged daughter of Hitler's favourite rocket scientist. After success in Swedish language film and television, Vikander made an impression in under-seen films like the lushly beautiful Anna Karenina opposite Keira Knightley and Testament of Youth, a World War I era story of one woman's voyage into pacifism.

It was Ex Machina, however, that made her a star. She played an automaton named Ava created by tech wiz Nathan "The Mozart of Code" Bateman (Oscar Isaac). Programmer Caleb Smith (Domhnall Gleeson) is hired to evaluate if the robot's ability to show intelligent behaviour is equal to, or undifferentiated from, that of a human being. Ex Machina is presented as sci-fi, but it really is a human drama; a human drama where the main character has a fibre optic nervous system. Vikander is equal parts warmth and chilly precision as a robot who wants more than to be a machine.

Next Guy Ritchie cast her in The Man from U.N.C.L.E. and if he had Frankenstein'd an actress for the role of Gaby in the mould of 1960s starlets, he could not have topped Vikander as a picture-perfect representation of mid-century cool. She looks like she was born to wear the oversized sunglasses and Mary Quaint frocks but she's more than just the romantic interest.

In The Danish Girl, Eddie Redmayne plays the title role, transgender pioneer Lili Elbe, and while he has the showier part, it is Vikander — as Elbe's ex-wife — who won a best supporting Oscar for holding the screen as the film's emotional core, a woman who valued her relationship regardless of the changes that came her way.

Most recently she starred opposite Matt Damon as CIA's cyber-ops head Heather Lee in Jason Bourne and soon we'll see her in the thriller Submergence with James McAvoy, Eva Green's Euphoria and in the period piece Tulip Fever with Christoph Waltz.

But perhaps the biggest indication of her industry clout is that she recently announced she'll be stepping in for Angelina Jolie as Lara Croft in the rebooted Tomb Raider series.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Light Between Oceans	★★
The 9th Life of Louis Drax	★★★

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All showtimes run between Friday, Sept. 2 and Thursday, Sept. 8

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Your essential daily news

New York cabbies will no longer have to pass English proficiency test

Life's a beach

Irate at not having the foresight to call up that one friend with the cottage awhile back to secure a long-weekend invite? Now, you're stuck in the city and labour marches are not really your jam. Well, simmer down. Metro compiled some of the best shoreline establishments around the country for your last-ditch sun and swimming pleasure. Just grab your bathing suit and go. **METRO**

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WINNIPEG

Grand Beach

Having won numerous accolades and counted among the best beaches in the world, Grand Beach, north of Winnipeg, truly lives up to its name. Three kilometres of fine, soft white sand, clean water and sandbars that allow you to walk out into the shallow water for hundreds of metres, Grand Beach is where Winnipeggers flock on the hot, humid prairie weekends. Beach facilities have undergone extensive renovations in recent years, including new food stands, the boardwalk and washroom facilities. Nestled inside a provincial park on the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg, the protected area offers camping and is perfect for a day trip. If the beach is too crowded, there are numerous smaller, more private beaches in the area.

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OTTAWA

Britannia

Sailboats float by on the wide expanse of the Ottawa River and the view from the shore includes a thick treeline and the purple-hued outline of the Gatineau Hills. The beach also offers volleyball and some of the best burgers in the whole city.

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HALIFAX

Lawrencetown

With Lawrencetown Beach about 25 minutes from the urban core, both surfers and swimmers head to the beautiful 1.5-kilometre stretch to enjoy some of the best waves in Nova Scotia. You can try your hand at surfing, body-surfing, wander to the canteen along the boardwalk, or cozy up with a blanket when it starts to get colder.

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VANCOUVER

Kitsilano

Kitsilano Beach has long been a local favourite, as it provides a family-friendly setting to soak in the sun while enjoying picturesque views of the ocean and the mountains. Locally known as Kits Beach, it's on the north edge of the Kitsilano neighbourhood facing the Burrard Inlet. Expect lots of people when it's warmer.

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The tourist's guide to nerd-vana

TECHNOLOGY

Silicon Valley an increasingly popular selfie destination

There's a quirky twist on tourism emerging amid the Silicon Valley whirlwind of innovation that has tethered everyone to their smartphones.

Those omnipresent devices are being used to track down technological touchstones scattered around the San Francisco Bay area so selfies can be taken, videos can be recorded and the experience can be celebrated in a Facebook post, Snapchat or tweet.

Here's a tourist's guide to nerd nirvana:

People pose by Android lawn statues at Google's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. Fans of tech culture will find a variety of places to visit and take a selfie around Silicon Valley. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Growing up in a garage

Silicon Valley startups have a history of humble beginnings, dating to 1939 when Hewlett-Packard Co. was founded in a Palo Alto, California, garage. It still stands at 367 Addison Ave., considered by many to be the birthplace of Silicon Valley. HP now owns the place.

Jobs was one of many entrepreneurs influenced by the HP legacy as a teenager, eventually inspiring him and his engineering friend, Steve "The Woz" Wozniak, to begin working on Apple's first computer in the home of Jobs' parents. That ranch-style house at 2066 Crist Drive in Los Altos, California, is now owned by Jobs' sister, Patricia.

After they started Google in 1998, co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin built what would become the world's dominant search engine in a garage and room they rented from Susan Wojcicki, whom they later hired (she now runs YouTube for them). The Menlo Park, California, house, at 232 Santa Margarita Ave., is now owned by Google.

The Palo Alto, California house where Zuckerberg did a lot of computer coding and threw some wild parties, if you believe the movies, is located at 819 La Jennifer Way. The place is still rented out by young entrepreneurs hoping some of Zuckerberg's magic will rub off on them.

Today's technology temples

The headquarters of Apple, Google and Facebook have turned into must-see shrines to products that have become part of culture's lifeblood.

None of the companies offers public tours, but that doesn't mean you can't steal glimpses at these factories of innovation.

Search starts here

Google is the most accessible of the three headquarters. The hub of its Mountain View, California, campus is at 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, with other Google offices sprawling almost all the way down to the nearby NASA Ames Research Center, where Page and Brin keep personal jets in a hangar.

Walk down Charleston Road and you are bound to see one of the company's employees (also known as Googlers) cruising on yellow, green, blue and red bikes placed outside all the offices to get to meetings more quickly.

While strolling around, make sure to swing into the office at 1981 Landings Drive, where you can take a selfie with Androistatues memorializing different versions of the operating system that powers most of the world's smartphones.

Meta tourism: visitors pose for photos in front of Facebook that they will later post to Facebook . MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Each statue represents a dessert because Google has nicknamed each version after something sweet. The menu includes Cupcake, Donut and Eclair. The latest serving of Android, called Nougat, has just rolled out.

A place everyone likes

The giant thumbs-up sign replicating Facebook's symbol for liking a post has become one of the most photographed spots in Silicon Valley since the social networking company moved its headquarters from Palo Alto to 1 Hacker Way in nearby Menlo Park five years ago.

Unless you happen to be in a plane or have a camera-equipped drone, you won't be able to see what's on top of another Facebook building across the street (an underground tunnel connects the offices). That building, designed by famed architect Frank Gehry, features a nine-acre park atop the roof.

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CAMPUS 2

Apple, founded in 1976, has had a fiercely loyal following for decades.

New site

The current headquarters will be overshadowed early next year when Apple plans to open a nearby 2.8 million-square-foot, circular office that has been likened to a huge spaceship sitting on a 176-acre site. Known as "Campus 2," the new building is designed to accommodate about 12,000 workers. Before Jobs died in 2011, he stipulated that the campus should be surrounded by about 7,000 trees.

POST 9/11

Lower Manhattan's rebirth

The revitalization of the New York City's downtown, powered by $30 billion in government and private investment, includes not just the reconstruction of the World Trade Center site, but also two new malls filled with upscale retailers, thousands of new hotel rooms and dozens of eateries ranging from a new Eataly to a French food hall, Le District.

The statistics alone are stunning. There are 29 hotels in the neighbourhood, compared to six before 9/11. More than 60,000 people live downtown, nearly triple the number in 2000. And last year, the area hosted a record 14 million visitors, according to the Alliance for Downtown New York.

And while there's plenty to do downtown for free, including seeing the 9/11 memorial park, visitors have also shown a willingness to pay relatively steep prices for certain attractions. The 9/11 museum, which charges $24 U.S., has drawn 6.67 million visitors since its May 2014 opening. The observatory atop One World Trade Center, which charges $34 U.S., has drawn three million people in the 15 months since it opened. In comparison, the Statue of Liberty gets about four million visitors a year.

Construction cranes continue working on top of 3 World Trade Center. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I don't think anyone would have expected that we would have rebounded so robustly, so quickly," said Jessica Lappin, president of the Alliance for Downtown New York. "There's the physical transformation at the site itself, but there's also the neighbourhood. There's an energy here. People could have given up after 9-11 and nobody would have blamed them. Instead there has been a tenacity, a dedication that is inspiring."

The Alliance for Downtown New York was founded before 9/11, in 1995, when the "neighbourhood was on its heels," Lappin recalled.

"The vacancy rate was going through the roof." At the time, downtown was a strictly 9-to-5 area, keyed to the workday rhythms of Wall Street and city hall, deserted at night and on weekends. Revitalization efforts were just getting underway "when 9/11 hit and changed everything." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRAVEL NOTES BEAUTY QUEENS, BEARS AND POT ON PARADE

Miss America contestants not the only hopefulls in Atlantic City

There they are: the 52 Miss America contestants, on the Atlantic City Boardwalk — and not a moment too soon for a city that could use a happy diversion. The hopefuls were welcomed to the seaside resort to kick off two weeks that will culminate in the crowning on Sept. 11. They arrived as the city faces yet another casino closing. "Miss America is just what this city needs right now," said Mayor Don Guardian. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Alaskans live among bears —both real and brightly coloured

Alaska's largest city is home to more than 300 grizzly and black bears — and now more than a dozen multicoloured ones. Life-size statues painted by city artists for a public art installation called Bears on Parade are popping up as part of an effort to raise awareness that if you live in Anchorage, you live near bears.

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Pot plants on display at Oregon State Fair

Living pot plants are on display at the Oregon State Fair and organizers say it marks a first for any state fair in the nation.

The exhibit of nine marijuana plants is sponsored by the Oregon Cannabis Business Council and will run through Sept. 5 in Salem. Oregon State Fair spokesman Dan Cox says one of the fair's roles is to reflect to evolution of social and cultural values.

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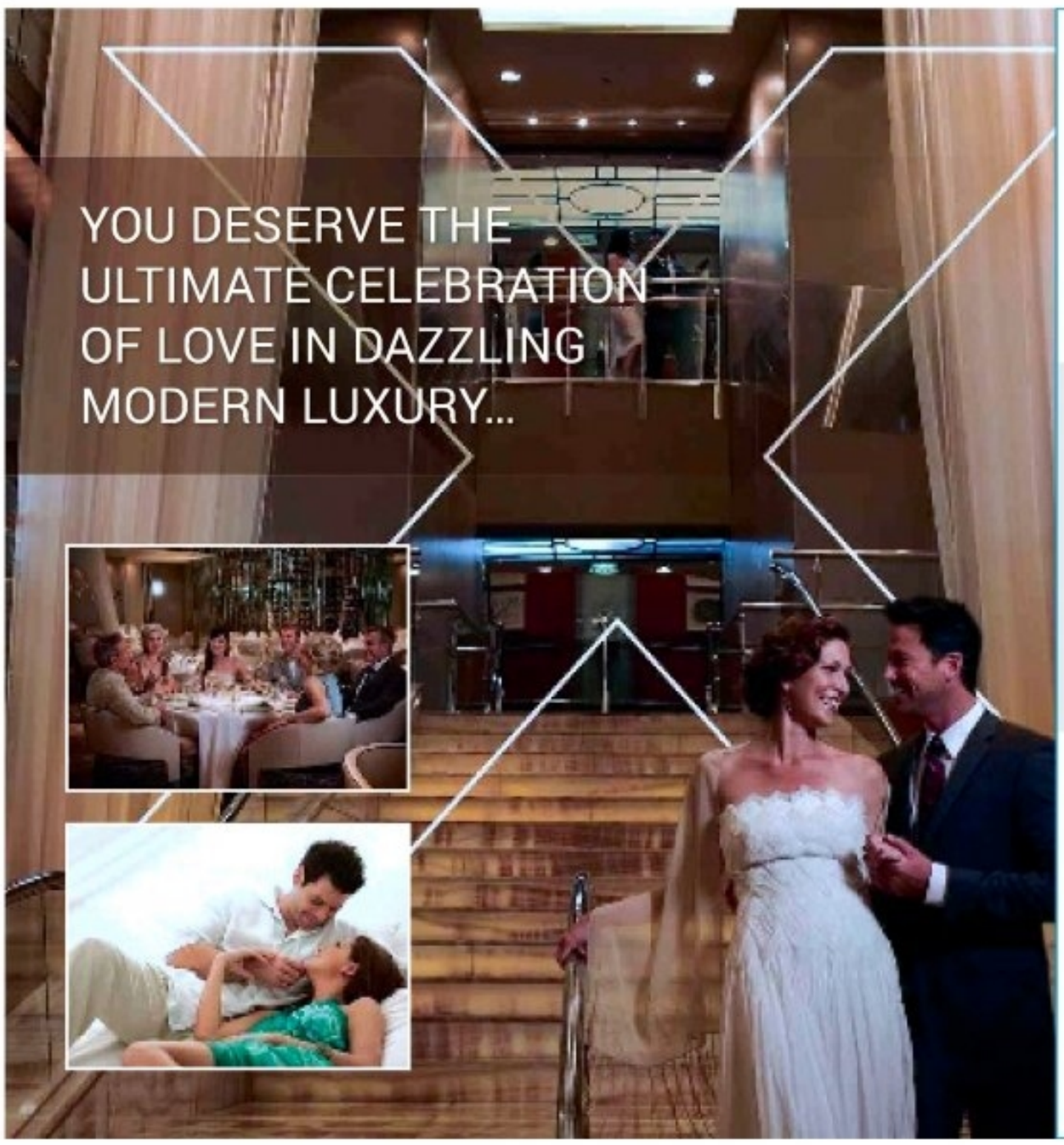

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Mantis spurs Royals' marvellous month

MLB

World Series champs eye playoff berth after poor start

Royals catcher Salvador Perez kisses Rally Mantis Jr.'s enclosure. PHOTOS BY ED ZURGA/GETTY IMAGES

The reigning World Series champions had been rendered an afterthought as the calendar flipped to August, the Kansas City Royals so far out of playoff contention that some were wondering whether they might begin jettisoning their stars and rebuilding.

They proceeded to have one of the best months in franchise history.

Despite back-to-back extra-inning losses to the Yankees, the Royals still finished 20-9 in August to climb back into the post-season chase. They've won seven of their past eight series and 18 of their past 24 games as they head into an important series against the Detroit Tigers this weekend.

The Tigers are among the teams standing between Kansas City and an AL wild-card spot.

"It really shows the character and how resilient they are," said Royals outfielder Billy Burns, whose arrival in late July coincided with their recent run. "I saw it two years ago in the wild-card game when I was with Oakland, and we had them down with Jon Lester on the mound.

"Nothing with this team really surprises me."

Still, the Royals went just 7-19 in July. Their starting rotation was atrocious, they had one of the most impotent lineups in the majors and a series of injuries had scuttled any sort of chemistry.

There was nothing to indicate that such an about-face was about to happen.

Then the praying mantis showed up.

On a team that believes wholeheartedly in karma, the arrival of the bug-eyed insect during a win over Toronto on Aug. 6 came with deeper meaning. The Royals adopted the Rally Mantis and took him on the road, where they won five of six games. And when the bug died in Minnesota — the Royals lost that day — they were unsurprised when another mantis flew in during a game in Detroit.

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Kansas City is three games behind Detroit and Baltimore for the second wild-card spot.

This time, Rally Mantis Jr. was given a proper cage complete with food, greenery and, well, insect versions of all the trappings that major-league ballplayers have in their clubhouses.

Since his arrival, the post-season charge has pressed on. The Royals' win total in August was their best since 1989, when they won 21 games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LPGA

Choi stands up to wind in Cambridge

South Korea's Chella Choi was the only one ready for the wind.

Choi shot a 6-under 66 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the LPGA Manulife Classic. Gusts of wind made long drives difficult for most of the field, but Choi had been focused on improving her drives in the days leading up to the event, coincidentally giving her a powerful stroke off the tee that could force the ball to the green.

CANCON

Hamilton's Alena Sharp and Maude-Aimee Leblanc of Sherbrooke, Que., were the low Canadians at 3-under 69 on the day.

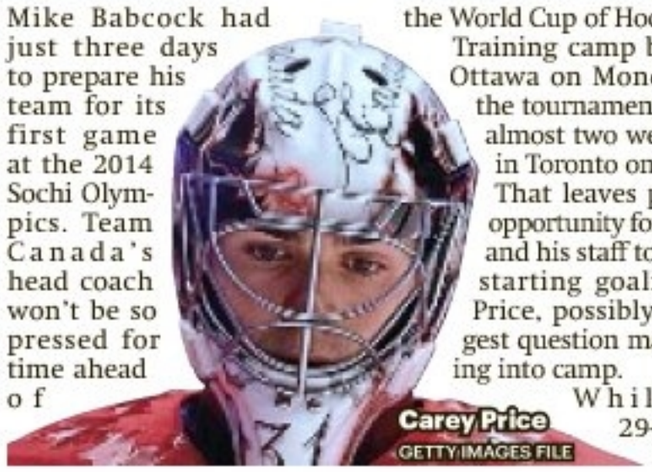
"I worked really hard the last three weeks," said Choi after completing her round at Whistle Bear Golf Club in Cambridge. "I want to hit straight and strong on my drive all four days, so I focused on just my driving for four days strong."

American Brittany Lang, Spain's Azahara Munoz, Sweden's Dani Holmqvist and In Gee Chun of South Korea are all at 5-under. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BLUE JAYS MARITIME FARM HITS ONE OUT OF THE PARK The folks at the Hunter Brothers Farm of New Brunswick have cut Jose Bautista's iconic bat flip into a corn maze. "It's one of the most iconic images associated with the Blue Jays," said Leigh Hunter of the farming family. Along with Bautista's bat-flipping image is a gargantuan "40," to mark the team's 40th anniversary this season. HUNTER BROTHERS FARM/FACEBOOK

HOCKEY

Determining Price's status for World Cup



Mike Babcock had just three days to prepare his team for its first game at the 2014 Sochi Olympics. Team Canada's head coach won't be so pressed for time ahead of the World Cup of Hockey.

Training camp begins in Ottawa on Monday with the tournament starting almost two weeks later in Toronto on Sept. 17. That leaves plenty of opportunity for Babcock and his staff to evaluate starting goalie Carey Price, possibly the biggest question mark heading into camp.

While the 29-year-old is said to be at full strength following a knee injury that caused him to miss most of last season, it's not known how sharp he'll be after nearly 10 months without game action. How quickly can he regain top form? And how long can Babcock and the Canadians wait to make that determination in a two-week tournament?

"Certainly, we understand he hasn't played in a competitive game for a long time," Canada general manager Doug Armstrong said. "But a lot of guys obviously, if you missed the playoffs or didn't go to the (world championships), you've been off four or five months, too. He's going to get in there in training camp and face lots of shots. We'll get him in some game action as soon as possible and just try and get him up and running before Game 1.

"I think that after the exhibition games he'll be ready to go."

Canada also must ensure that its alternatives, Corey Crawford and Braden Holtby, are ready to go in the event that Price isn't at his best. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. OPEN

Murray chases down win under new roof

Wimbledon champ Andy Murray advanced to the third round at the U.S. Open with another straight-sets victory.

The second-seeded Murray beat Marcel Granollers 6-4, 6-1, 6-4 on Thursday under the roof at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York with play suspended on the outer courts. The heavy rain outside made quite a clatter on the new roof, and Murray said in his on-court interview that it was tough at first because it was hard to hear the ball.

Murray jumped to a quick 5-2 lead in the first set, then it took about 23 minutes to get through the last two games as Granollers saved six set points and got back on serve. But Murray earned another break to finally clinch the set after 67 minutes, then cruised through the final two in 75 minutes combined. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andy Murray GETTY IMAGES

WORLD CUP QUALIFIER BRAZIL WINS IN ECUADOR
Neymar celebrates scoring the opener in Brazil's qualifier against Ecuador on Thursday. Gabriel Jesus then scored in the 87th and in stoppage time as Brazil won 3-0. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Messi scores, Argentina holds on to beat Uruguay
Lionel Messi scored in the 43rd minute on a bouncing shot, spinning and shooting off his left foot from 18 yards as Argentina topped Uruguay 1-0 on Thursday in Mendoza.

Two minutes later Argentina went down to 10 men when Paulo Dybala received his second yellow. Argentina stays atop South American qualifying with the win. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lampard lights up United
Former Premier League star Frank Lampard scored his second goal of the match three minutes into stoppage time to give New York City FC a 3-2 win over D.C. United on Thursday night.

Lampard faked a defender and goalkeeper Bill Hamid before slamming it home. NYCFC moved a point ahead of Toronto FC to take over the Eastern Conference lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

International strain

MLS

TFC without big contributors for important training period

Laurie Wilson
Metro | Toronto

It's the catch-22 of Major League Soccer.

Sign high-end designated player talent like Jozy Altidore and Michael Bradley and they're likely to leave your club for significant swaths of the season to play for their national teams.

Unlike top leagues in Europe, MLS does not schedule an international break into its fixture list. So while the bright lights of the Premier League, La Liga and Serie A will be dimmed this weekend, North America's top clubs will be short-handed as key players leave for World Cup qualifiers over the next five days.

It can throw a wrench into the plans of managers in the middle of playoff races like Toronto FC's Greg Vanney.

"As a player, we would call it 'the national-team hangover,'" said Vanney, who played 270 MLS games as a defender from 1996 to 2008 and earned 36 appearances with the United States men's national team. "When guys — myself included — would go off with the national team, you'd compete there, you'd come back and it would sometimes take you an extra five days just to get your bearings again."

U.S. striker Jozy Altidore, left, and Canada forward Tosaint Ricketts GETTY IMAGES

Still, TFC (12-8-7) has weathered international absences well in 2016 and currently sits second in the Eastern Conference.

Vanney said a big part of that seemingly unhindered upward trajectory is consistency.

The DP core of Americans Bradley and Altidore — who left in June for the Copa America Centenario — and Italian Sebastian Giovinco has been building cohesion for close to two seasons now. That familiarity makes international instability easier to cope with said Vanney, who marked two years at the TFC helm himself on Wednesday.

"The longer you're together the more the expectations are set for everybody so when guys leave and they come back, they're comfortable and they know what the expectations are, they know what the system is," Vanney said Tuesday after training. "I think as guys go, and maybe they enter a different system with their national teams or slightly different expectations, when they come back they know what's expected of them."

Defender Drew Moor, whose path first crossed with Vanney's when Moor was a rookie at FC Dallas in 2005, said the head coach has been instrumental in setting a tone of stability.

"He's managing some pretty big personalities in the locker-room and everybody's happy, everybody's excited, everybody's working towards the same goal," Moor said. "He's done a great job to continue pushing this team and have us playing as well as we are right now."

Michael Bradley GETTY IMAGES

TFC will have to rely on its familiarity, leadership and depth down the stretch with Giovinco out of commission for up to a month due to injuries.

The club dodged a bit of a bullet with no match this weekend, but Vanney will miss out on key training sessions to reshape his Atomic Ant-less offence with Altidore, Bradley and Canada forward Tosaint Ricketts committed to World Cup qualifiers on Friday and Tuesday.

"What's unfortunate about this little window of time where we have a bye week is we have a real opportunity to train as a team, but we're missing a lot of guys," said Vanney. "We've done our job this year in terms of guys stepping up and we've just got to do that again."

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
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Cook time: 25 minutes
Makes one dozen muffins

Ingredients
- 1/2 cup ham, chopped
- 1 cup cheddar, grated
- 1/2 cup green onions, finely sliced
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- a few good grinds of black pepper
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 eggs

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Prepare muffin tins or line with paper muffin cups.

2. In a large bowl, mix together the flour, whole wheat flour, salt and pepper and baking powder. Add the ham, cheese and green onions and toss until they are covered in the flour mixture and distributed evenly throughout it.

3. In another bowl, whisk together the milk, oil, yogurt and the eggs. Pour the wet mixture over the dry and stir until everything is completely combined — but don't over mix or your muffins will be tough.

3. Spoon the batter evenly into the muffin tins or muffin papers. Place your trays in the hot oven and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until they are golden brown and a toothpick inserted into a muffin comes out clean.

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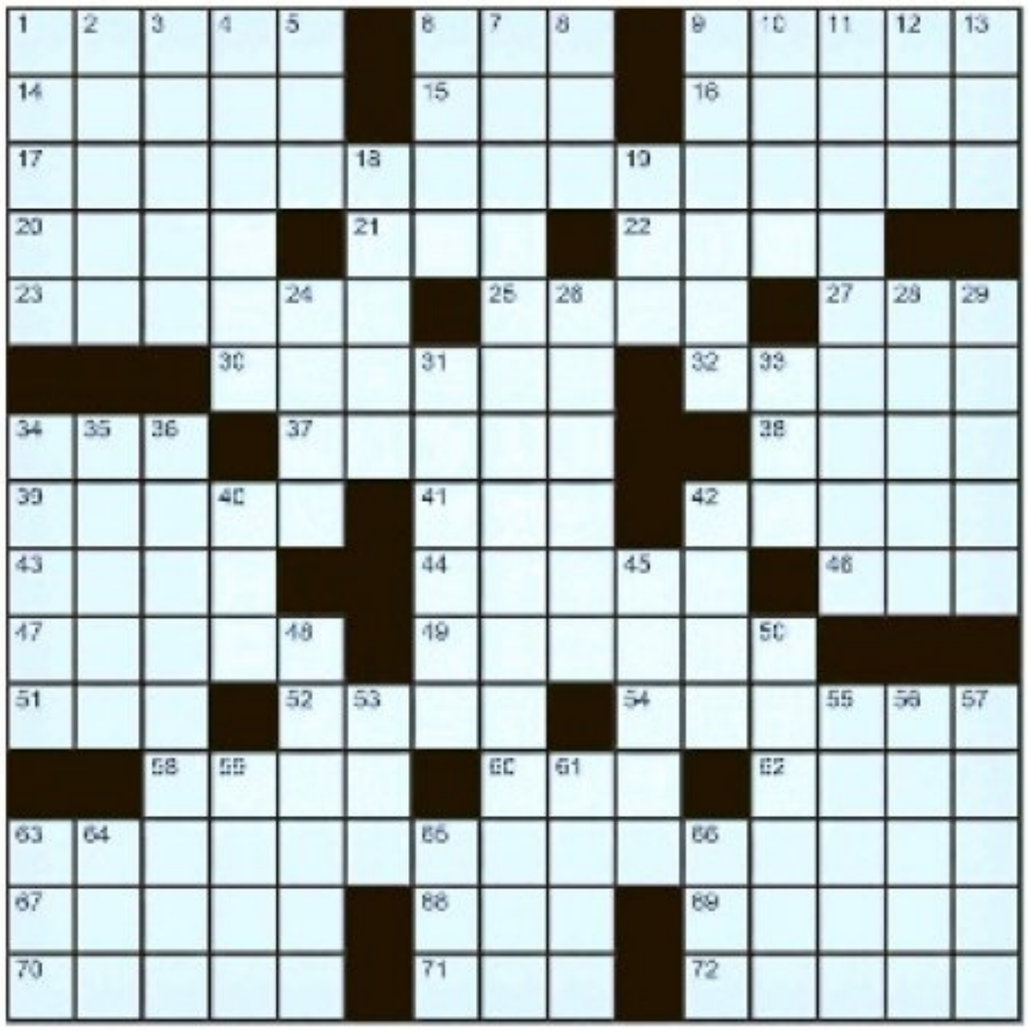

ACROSS
1. Wonky
6. 'Meteor' suffix
9. Radiohead hit
14. Use a kitchen faucet's pullout wand
15. Texter's word of gratitude
16. Bisect
17. Bit of 1962 Brian Hyland hit Sealed with a Kiss: "...let us make a pledge to _ _ _..."
20. Decorative curved arch
21. Kanga creator's monogram
22. About: 2 wds.
23. Yield
25. Adhere
27. "Huh...?"
30. Can't Buy _ _ by The Beatles
32. Guardians in ancient Rome
34. Stuff in Spam
37. Gelatin mould dish
38. "You _ say?!"
39. _ diamonds
41. Lemon _
42. Earth's _ layer
43. Mr. Danson's
44. Bride's new family member
46. Damage
47. Turf gripper on a specialty shoe
49. MP = _ of Parliament
51. "In _ Shoes" (2005) starring Cameron Diaz
52. Rat-_-_...
54. More courageous
58. Head of hair
60. UN public wellness agcy.
62. Mouse-like field animal
63. What many a renovator on HGTV Canada has done to achieve the open concept look: 3 wds.
67. Eccentric
68. Work unit
69. Mystery writer Dame Christie, informally
70. Lay to rest
71. South Park brother
72. Bakery necessity

DOWN
1. Knight's protection, States-style
2. Under _ (1992) starring Steven Seagal
3. Display penitence in a way
4. Admiration
5. Dynasty of China
6. "_ _ miracle!"
7. Canadian premium TV channel: 3 wds.
8. _ date (Food label info)
9. Supermodel Ms. Tiegs
10. Aries animals
11. Enough space to move around: 2 wds.
12. Adam's garden beloved
13. For every
18. MLBers in Washington, briefly
19. Ocean tester
24. Shipshape
26. Keep your cool: 2 wds.
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29. Autumn bloomer
31. Mid-size sedan by Kia
33. Woodworking tool
34. Starsky & _
35. Quaintly bless with oil
36. Canadian reality TV star Dean
40. God Bless the _ _ _ by Lee Greenwood
42. Indebted person
45. Monks' superior
48. Crude oil ship
50. Utterly destroy
53. S'-spelled out follower
55. Russian river
56. Emily Bronte's literary pseudonym, _ Bell
57. Adjust, as an alarm clock
59. Land unit
61. Massive
63. Garden pond fish
64. Called-one's occupation
65. Vox _
66. Direction

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Things are so much better at work today — huge difference! Work-related travel is likely. If you do travel, you will enjoy it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a wonderful, upbeat, playful day! Accept all invitations to party. Enjoy playful times with children. Movies, sports events and the arts will delight.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Family discussions will be warm and friendly today. This is an excellent day to discuss home repairs or ways to expand your home.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Today you experience the power of positive thinking. Your sense of optimism is strong, and you like what you see in the future. Yay!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is an excellent day for business and commerce. Trust your moneymaking ideas, because they could lead to increased profits now and in the future.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You easily see the big picture today, which also makes you more tolerant of other people and their ideas. It will please you to learn something new about practically anything.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you can kick back and relax today, you will enjoy it. It will be fun to dream up big ideas and make plans for the future. It's a great day to dream big.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Group activities and time spent with friends will be a plus for you today. Accept invitations to interact with others whether through classes, sports or conferences.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Discussions with bosses and parents will be positive today, because people are in a generous, easygoing mood. Someone will listen to you; this person might even help you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a great day to sign up for a course or make plans to get further education or training in an area that interests you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is an excellent day to decide how to divide something or deal with an inheritance, because people will be fair and generous. .

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Relations with close friends and partners are upbeat today. In fact, it's a good day to discuss business and commercial activity, because you will be quick to see advantages and opportunities.

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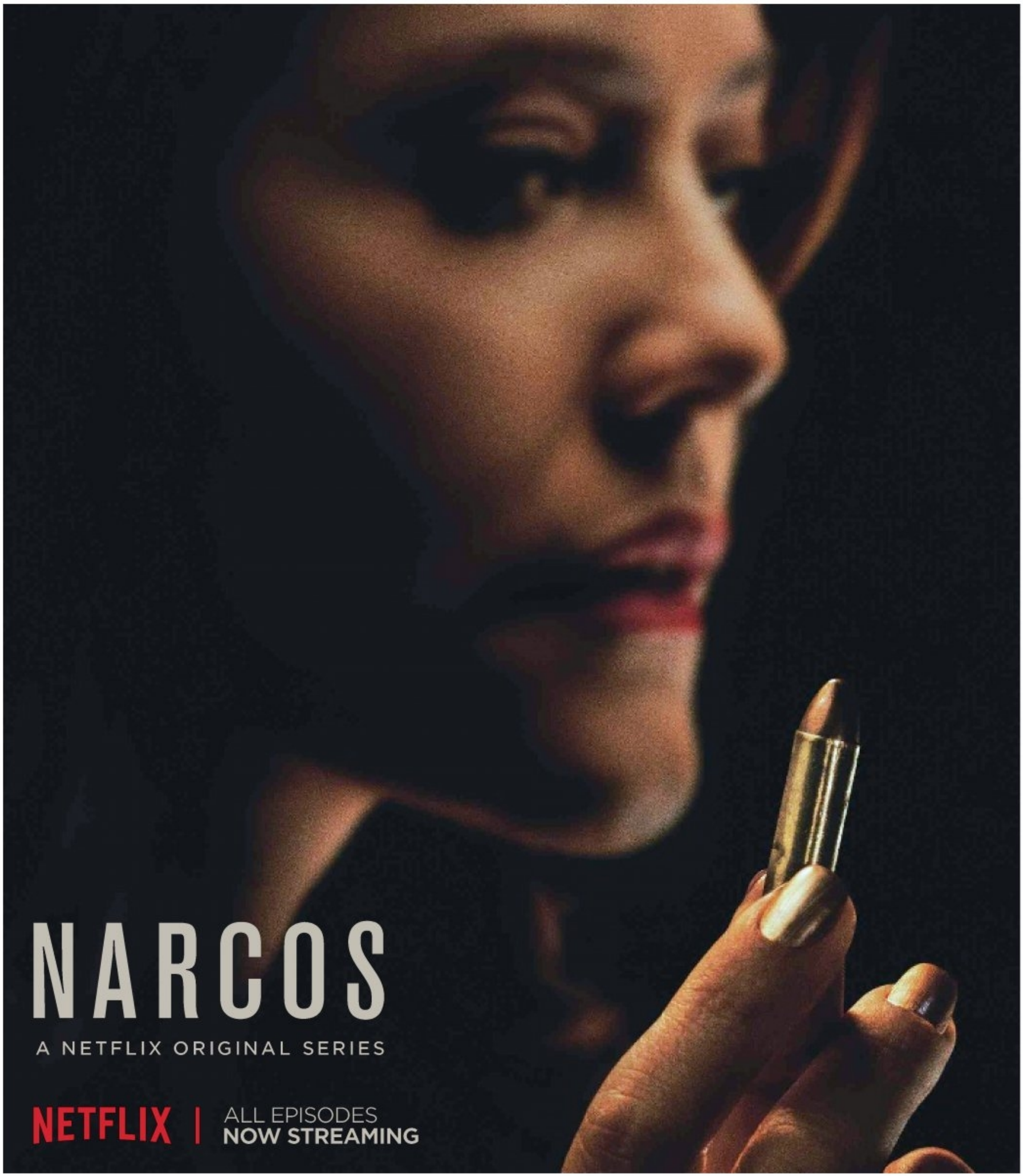
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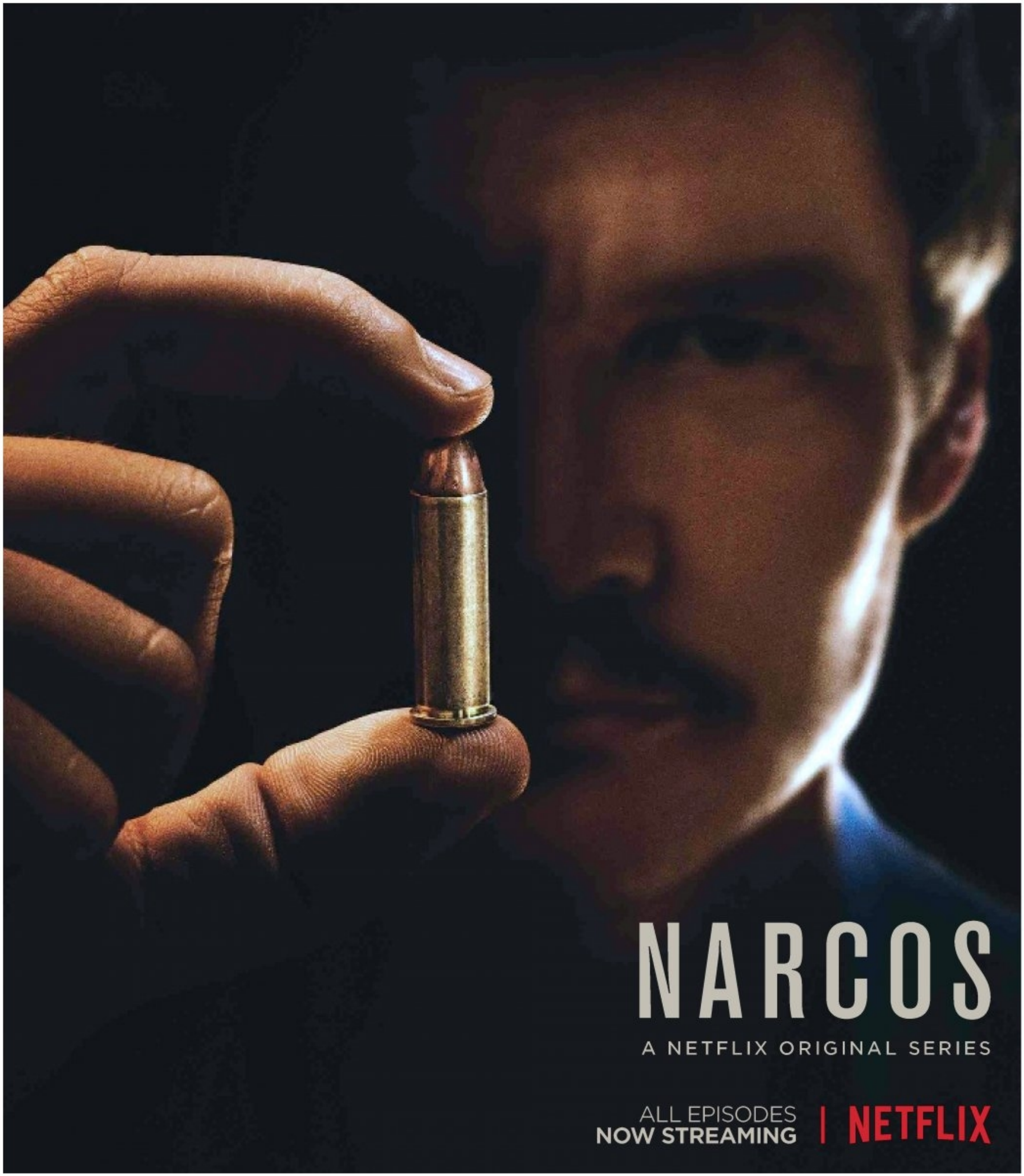
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